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ICE deports Colombian woman convicted of vehicular hijacking, mutilating corpse, during 2-day crime spree that left two dead

CHICAGO — A Colombian woman who participated in a violent two-day crime spree in Kenosha and Chicago that left two men dead was deported yesterday by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Lyda Antia, 34, was deported to Bogotá, Colombia, last night under the escort of two government officers.



Antia was involved in the violent 1995 death of Fred Jones, who was killed with a golf club, tied up with television cable, and set on fire in a Chicago alley. On the night of Nov. 30, 1995, Antia was in the Kenosha apartment she shared with her husband, Richard Morris, and an individual named Brian Hoover. Morris, upset that Jones had sold him some bad cocaine, called Jones to the apartment. Upon his arrival, Hoover and Morris beat Jones to death with a golf club. They wrapped Jones' body in blankets, tied it up with television cable, and put it in the trunk of a car they borrowed from Tywon Knight. Morris, Hoover and Antia drove the car to Chicago, stopping to buy lighter fluid along the way. They dumped the body in an alley at 1331 S. Kedvale in the early morning hours of Dec. 1, 1995, and set it on fire after dousing it with lighter fluid. The three then got back into the car and drove back to Kenosha.

On the morning of Dec. 2, 1995, Antia, Morris, Hoover and Knight were driving from Kenosha to Chicago when they pulled off the Dan Ryan expressway at Garfield Blvd. and spotted a new Chevy Impala in a Kentucky Fried Chicken parking lot. The group carjacked the Impala, which belonged to Ervin Shorter, a 58-year-old Chicago Streets and Sanitation worker. Shorter was forced into the trunk of the Impala, with Antia taking over the wheel of the first car. A short while later Shorter was pulled out of the trunk of his car and shot in the head in a Chicago alley.

For her role in the murder of Fred Jones, Antia was convicted in 2001 in Kenosha County Circuit Court of mutilating a corpse and sentenced to six years in prison. For her role in the death of Ervin Shorter she was convicted of aggravated vehicular hijacking in Cook County Circuit Court Feb. 18, 1999, and sentenced to 15 years in prison.

Antia first entered the United States in 1977 as a permanent resident. As a result of her criminal convictions she was stripped of her permanent resident status and ordered deported in 2001 while she was serving out her prison sentences. Antia came into ICE custody Jan. 1, 2006, and was held in the Dodge County Jail until her deportation today.

“As someone involved in the violent deaths of two innocent people, Lyda Antia lost all right to remain in the United States,” said ICE Field Office Director Debbie Achim. “ICE helps make our communities and our country more secure with every dangerous criminal we deport.” Achim oversees ICE’s Detention and Removal Operations program for a six-state area, which includes: Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri and Wisconsin.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.